

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Minutes - June 19, 2018

Present: Mother Belanger, Khacki Berry, Jonathan Doelp, Jenni Faires, Kelly Gable, Rich Kelly, Patrick Keyser, Chris Kupczyk, Jennifer Long, Stephen Lovell, Father Malm, Julie Rodriguez, Mary Stewart, Laura Weidenfeld and Jan Wolff.

Call to Order

Father Malm opened the meeting at 7:15 with a prayer. The May 15, 2018 vestry minutes were approved as amended.

Old Business

Bells. Jenni Faires combined the comments that were made on the bells so the vestry could see how parishioners felt. The majority of the comments were very favorable. Kelly Gable felt that people wanted to hear the bells, which was provided to them at the coffee hour. The bells will only be used under the direction of Father Malm or Richard Newman. For funerals or weddings the family would be asked if they want the bells used. Rich Kelly made a motion that the vestry accept the donation of the bells. It was second by Jennifer Long. The motion passed with one abstention. Father Malm will visit Michael Heintz to tell him of the vote and to thank him .

HVAC Update. The HVAC work has been postponed a year. The city has approved our application and they did not mention screening of the roof piece. The recovery heating unit will provide fresh air for Merrow Hall. We are using cooling units for the St. John and St. Luke rooms. Father Malm mentioned the Special Events Calendar for 2018-2019 Some scheduled Spring events may have to be changed. He would like to have the calendar printed in the September issue of Grace Notes and would like vestry members to check for any changes. Rich Kelly mentioned that all the HVAC equipment will be staged before work is started. Jonathan Doelp feels that obtaining the loan for the HVAC project is going to be a challenge. Rich disagrees and he is exploring the options. Mary Stewart asked if we need a Capital Campaign for this project and Rich replied that we do not and that we might be able to pay off the loan within 5 years. Father Malm says the budget process in the Fall will be interesting and we will need to know what amounts of this project need to be paid in 2019.

Seminarian - Patrick Keyser. Patrick will be with us for the summer. He is attending Yale Divinity School. He grew up in the Northern Neck of VA. He graduated from William and Mary and lived for two years in Richmond. His discernment was with the Diocese of Virginia. Mother Fanny is his supervisor and he is working with La Gracia and perfecting his Spanish. Patrick will be attending the general convention. He likes all that is going on at Grace. Mike Jones is heading a small lay committee to work with Patrick.

Financial Report. May pledges totaled \$44,334.00. Beth Calaman is working on pledge statements for the first half of the year. They should be available in early July. The transfer of the funds into Clergy

Reserve are not yet showing on the statement. The church has received approximately 40% of the pledge income.

Request for Funds from the Trust. The Sr. Warden has met with the trustees and has asked for a 4% maximum disbursement for 2018.. He provided data showing how the money will be used toward the HVAC project. Jonathan thinks that it is an open question. Rich feels that they will approve the request soon.

Discernment Committee for Julie Rodriguez. The Discernment Committee for Julie have decided that she should proceed in her desire to become a priest. Julie was born in Seoul, Korea and was raised in California. She is currently a member of the Coast Guard. She felt a deep awareness that she was chosen to be involved in religion when she was stationed in Saipan. When she moved to Kentucky she felt called to attend church and was baptized. It was when she moved to Milwaukee, divorced with a three year old that she felt a call to follow God into the unknown. She loved the liturgy of the church and joined the choir. It was there that she met her husband Santiago. When they moved to Alexandria they both had a sense of preparation. Julie has a deep passion for social justice. Santiago went through the discernment process and will be attending seminary in September. Julie has one more year committed to the Coast Guard. The Grace Church vestry signed a letter to the Bishop and Committee on Priesthood on Julie's behalf. Next September she hopes to join Santiago and become a seminarian at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

Jr. Warden. Water will be shut off on Saturday morning for a repair. The roof leak in the choir left has been repaired. The water fountain outside of the school office has been repaired. The vestry will be visited in July by a representative of the stained glass company. The window issues on the East side of the church can possibly wait for a year for attention.

Sr. Warden. Twelve people are confirmed for the mission trip from July 8 - 14 to Clendenin, WVA. Khacki and John Berry went o Clendenin to see the Methodist church where the group will be staying. The river behind the church was flooded waist high and the house across the street from the church was damaged.

Rector. Father Malm mentioned the letter from the Bishop explaining the reorganization of his staff. The Bishop has terminated the committee that was looking for a new Suffragan Bishop. In his second letter he mentioned a possible retirement in summer of 2019. Cannon Wingo is moving to Tennessee and retired Bishop Gulick will replace him.

Roundtable

Jenni - Spoke at Grace School Graduation. Youth Sunday was great. Connor's sermon was terrific. She thanked Rich, Phil and the EYC youth for all their work for the picnic.

Jonathan - Was curious about the subjects that will be brought up at the convention. Father Malm will publicize how we can find out what is going on. There are many resources available.

Mary - Felt her mother's funeral was beautiful. Many people attended from her office and commented on the beautiful church. The music and remembrances were very special.

Laura - Will be away next month.

Chris K. Served as a LEM on June 10th at the 7:30 A.M.service. There was very good attendance at the Lady Altar.

Patrick - Will write for Center Aisle during the convention. He and Ashley will speak at a coffee hour when they return.

The meeting ended at 8:58 PM. with a prayer.

